

I'm excited because it's my birthday.	By Nikhil
Stop right there!	By Thomas
Mr D is Superman.	By Rebekah
No! I'm sinking.	By Alex
I went home in Dad's car.	By Taylor

Board of Trustees News

The Board of Trustees had their first meeting as a new Board.

Congratulations Alannah Batger for being re-elected as the Board Chairperson. Your on-going commitment and support of the school is acknowledged. The following portfolios have been undertaken with the recognition that Board members are responsible for all areas of governance. The purpose is to support the Principal and to inform the Board.

Treasurer	– Gaye Gray
Property	– Alannah Batger
Health & Safety	– Mitch Hughes
Committee Members	– Ben Stubbs, Adrian Verry, Sandra Gerrard
Staff Rep	– Helen Easton

The Board are currently involved in NZSTA Board professional development training. This involves workshops with other school Boards and on-site tailored training and support sessions.

What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

25 June	BOT workshop, 7.00pm
1 July	College staff visit Year 8's
3 July	BOT support training, 5.15pm
4 July	Mid-Year reports
5 July	Next school newsletter
5 July	Batons Up tickets distributed
8 July	Report evening
9-12 July	NZPF Conference – Tamae
12 July	Community Assembly
12 July	End of Term 2
29 July	Term 3 begins

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Newsletter

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Term Two 2013

Week Seven – 21 June

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Whanau and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Aria Orienteering Day

Congratulations to the team of competitors at the Aria Orienteering Day. The children enjoyed the experience of participating in this annual event. It proved to be a challenge, one that was successfully accomplished, as this is the first team that completed the course with the correct clippers in place since entering teams over recent years. Well done.

Attendance Audit

On behalf of Waitomo Social Sector Youth Trials, Governance & Management Solutions Ltd is contracted to conduct an audit of school attendance systems in the Waitomo district. Governance & Management Solutions Ltd is a service provider for the Ministry of Education which provides support to school boards and management.

The purpose of the attendance audit is to:

- Identify how schools are managing their attendance;
- Identify what systems are being used and what might work best in the Waitomo district;
- What resources and support might be required to improve monitoring and addressing truancy at a school level



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- How the Attendance Service can support the school.

This project is important because we know there is a strong link between student achievement and attendance levels.

Discussions will be had about monitoring attendance and how our school's monitoring system operates. This is not a pass/fail audit. It is primarily so the auditors can identify how they can help the school. They are also aware that some of the schools within the area are small and are unlikely to have significant attendance issues. Nevertheless, we will be participating in this audit.

At the conclusion of their findings, we will receive a report. This will be beneficial for our self review process with possible recommendations for improvement in our processes.

Mid-Year Reports

Mid-year reports will be distributed to parents and caregivers so they are received Thursday 4 July. Learning Conferences with parents will be held on the evening of Monday 8 July from 6.00pm onwards. In the past parents would pop down to school and socialise while waiting until the teacher is available. With an increase of families now, depending on the number of responses received the report evening format may change.

The reports will include a response needed for parent teacher discussions and feedback on the report information. Please take time to read, complete and return these details on Friday 5 July.

40 Hour Famine

Congratulations to our students who participated in this year's 40 Hour Famine recently. Please remember to collect your sponsorship and return your booklets to school as soon as possible.

Sausages for Schools

Thank you to Heller's for the wonderful donation of sausages this year from their 'Sausages for School' programme. We look forward to using them for our fundraising projects ahead.

Sausage Sizzle

On Friday's we would like to provide hot milo (\$1), sausages and bread (\$2) for the children. Pre-order notices will be distributed prior to Friday. Please send along to school the money and order, sorry no IOU's. The proceeds will go towards our school ski day trips.

If you are available on a Friday to come in and volunteer your time to cook the sausages it would be much appreciated. Preparation would need to start prior to lunch so food was ready for 12.30pm. Thank you.

Cash for Schools

When AC Petfoods collects your injured or unwanted cow, nominate our school, and they will send the payment for the animal directly to our school. What a great way to earn extra money for school. Phone 0800 DOWNCOW
www.acpetfoods.co.nz



Batons Up

A Batons Up fundraising activity is in the pipeline for early next term. Families are asked to sell five tickets each at \$20 a ticket. There are 23 cash prizes drawn on the night which is planned for Friday 16 August. Tickets will be distributed in week 9 before the end of this term. The money raised will go towards a ski day experience for all the children in September.

Help Needed

The tennis and netball fence is once again unravelling. We would appreciate anyone with a pair of pliers and some time to retie it. Please let me know if you are able to assist. Thank you.

Children's Work

Super Sentence Starters

The Totara Class students have been brainstorming super sentence starters during their writing sessions.

Where are my false teeth?	By Siân
Help! The witch has got me.	By Lilly
Sorry lady you got the question wrong.	By Lennox
Evacuate the building there is a fire.	By Max
Jolly good joke!	By Zarah
Oh no, I missed the bus!	By Maddison
Suddenly Superman appeared.	By Tame
Zoom went the bird.	By Tane